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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BECKER

SUBJECT: Post-Mortems

- 1. G-2 is apparently in line.
- 2. A-2 is a mile out of line.
- 3. Because of A-2's view we could not achieve unanimity at my level, therefore could not make a clean recommendation to the IAC.
- 4. The best we can do is to ask the IAC to give us the word on the two matters noted under "Recommendation", pages 1 and 2 of the attached.
 - 5. May I urge with all the vehemence at my command that:
 - a. DCI take the lead in getting the IAC (1) to approve the post-mortem procedure, and (2) to approve the idea that the "Statement of Intelligence Deficiencies" document be brought to IAC for noting. Cf. first paragraph of page 2.
- 6. If the second paragraph of page 2 is adopted (as versus the first), I personally feel (along with the representatives of State, G-2, ONI, and JIG) that the whole effort will have gone down the drain.

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